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VOCABULARY:

damning (adjective) = strongly suggesting guilt or error; extremely critical; damaging; conclusive

prevalent (adjective) = most common, dominant

accusation (noun) = a formal charge of wrongdoing brought against a person; the act of imputing blame or guilt

doping in sport = refers to the use of banned athletic performance-enhancing drugs by athletic competitors

groundless (adjective) = unreasonable, without basis

drastic (adjective) = forceful and extreme

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A new and damning report from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has turned the athletics world upside down. The report focuses on Russia and claims that doping is prevalent throughout Russian athletics. The country could be suspended from all international competitions if it does not acknowledge the claims made in the report and take drastic actions to address them. The report goes so far to say that doping in Russian athletics was state-sponsored. Senior figures in the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) will recommend that Russia be suspended from competitions. WADA also called for lifetime bans for 10 Russian athletes.

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